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TEXT

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DIST: 27 AUGUST 1985

COUNTRY: CHILE

SUBJ: FURTHER INDICATIONS THAT A CHILEAN ARMY COMMANDO UNIT  
WAS INVOLVED IN THE MARCH 1985 SLAYINGS OF THREE  
COMMUNISTS

DOI: AUGUST 1985

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO

SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR MINISTER JOSE ((CANOVAS)) ROBLES

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HAS EVIDENCE THAT AN ARMY COMMAND UNIT WAS INVOLVED IN THE SLAYING OF THREE COMMUNISTS IN MARCH 1985.

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2. [REDACTED] SAID THAT A SUB-UNIT OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DINE) COMMANDED BY ARMY CAPTAIN PEDRO ((GONZALEZ)) COMMITTED THE MURDERS. CANOVAS HAS DISCOVERED AN OPERATIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMANDO UNIT AND THE NOW-DISBANDED CARABINEROS DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (DICOMCAR) FORMERLY HEADED BY CARABINEROS EX-COLONEL LUIS ((FONTAINE)) MANRIQUEZ, WHO IS CURRENTLY UNDER ARREST FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE KILLINGS. CANOVAS IS ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF SUPPORT GIVEN BY DICOMCAR TO THE ARMY COMMANDO UNIT THAT KILLED THE COMMUNISTS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: GONZALEZ IS THE SON OF RETIRED ARMY GENERAL ERNESTO ((GONZALEZ)) ALEGRIA AND SON-IN-LAW OF FONTAINE. IN LATE 1984 A MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOUND HIM NOT GUILTY OF SHOOTING AND KILLING A DRUNKEN DRIVER WHO REFUSED A CARABINERO ORDER TO STOP HIS VEHICLE.)
3. [REDACTED] SAID THAT CANOVAS HAS ALSO OBTAINED INFORMATION INCRIMINATING FONTAINE IN THE FEBRUARY 1983 MURDER OF LABOR UNION LEADER TUCAPEL ((JIMENEZ)). HE SAID THAT LEGAL TECHNICALITIES TO DATE HAVE PREVENTED CANOVAS FROM BRINGING FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST FONTAINE.
4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE SLAYING OF THE THREE PCCH LEADERS HAS CONTINUED TO DIVIDE THE SENIOR LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE CARABINEROS, WHO HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY BLAMED FOR THE CRIME, FEEL THAT THEY ARE BEING MADE A SCRAPEGOAT BY THE GOVERNMENT. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES OR THEIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TO BE TAINTED WITH THIS SCANDAL.)
- [REDACTED]

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